

## **A. KAREN WEST**

### **EXPERIENCE**

**Contracts were the primary focus of my 29-year career as in-house legal counsel. As an attorney, and later, Vice President and General Counsel of the developer of The Woodlands, Texas, I handled the drafting, reviewing, and negotiating of all types of contracts. My responsibilities also included insurance claims and other insurance related matters.**

**Since retirement as an in-house attorney, I have been mediating cases both private and as a volunteer at the Montgomery County Dispute Resolution Center. I am also arbitrating tax cases upon appointment by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.**

#### **Work History by Date:**

1965 – 1970 - Elementary School Teacher

1970 – 1984 - Homemaker

1984 – 1986 - Attorney; Mitchell Energy & Development Corp.

1986 – 1997 - Senior Counsel; Mitchell Energy & Development Corp.

1997 – 2012 - Vice President and General Counsel; The Woodlands Development Company (successor to Mitchell Energy & Development Corp.)

2012 – 2020 - Mediator; Arbitrator for the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts; Also  
Volunteer Mediator for the Montgomery County Dispute Resolution Center

### **EDUCATION**

#### **High School Diploma, 1962**

Dublin High School

Valedictorian

National Honor Society

#### **Bachelor of Science Degree, 1965**

Texas Wesleyan University

Graduated Magna Cum Laude

Alpha Chi Honor Society

#### **Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree, 1984**

South Texas College of Law

Summa Cum Laude

4<sup>th</sup> in Class of 171

Dean's List, Law Review, Order of the Lytae

Phi Delta Phi Honor Fraternity